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PROGRESS REPORT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM (ITEM NO. 34-B, BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013)

This memorandum is to provide a progress report on immigration reform legislation, as instructed by the Board on February 5, 2013.

As of the writing of this report, comprehensive immigration reform legislation has not yet been introduced in Congress. However, as early as April 16, 2013, a bipartisan group of eight Senators may introduce the immigration reform bill on which they have been working since they released the framework for the bill on January 28, 2013. This bipartisan group of eight Senators includes Democratic Senators Schumer (New York), Durbin (Illinois), Menendez (Illinois), and Bennet (Colorado), and Republican Senators McCain (Arizona), Flake (Arizona), Rubio (Florida), and Graham (South Carolina). While Senator Feinstein is not part of this group, she played an active role in negotiations on a new agricultural guest worker program, which is likely to be included in the bipartisan Senate immigration reform bill.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over immigration, has scheduled two hearings on the bipartisan Senate immigration reform legislation – an initial hearing on April 19, 2013 and a second one on April 22, 2013. The House leadership has indicated that the House will wait for the Senate to pass its immigration reform bill before scheduling legislative action on the House version.

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Last month, the Senate Judiciary Committee held the following informational hearings relating to immigration:

- A hearing on “How Comprehensive Immigration Reform Should Address the Needs of Women and Families” on March 18, 2013; and
- A hearing on “Building an Immigration System Worthy of American Values” on March 20, 2013.

The House Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over immigration in the House, held the following informational hearings relating to immigration reform:

- A hearing on “Enhancing American Competitiveness through Skilled Immigration” on March 5, 2013; and
- A hearing on “Separation of Immigrant Nuclear Families” on March 14, 2013.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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